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Hon. John E. Fogarty,  
House of Representatives,  
Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

I read with interest your statement as contained in the Evening Bulletin of March 10th with reference to the problem of juvenile delinquency and "that we have had too much talk and not enough action".

From my experience of more than twelve years on the Juvenile Court bench, may I respectfully suggest that progress in the field of prevention could be made,

(1) by a course of education of police officers in the several towns and cities as to the philosophy and treatment of delinquents; in those communities where there exists a close relationship between the officers in charge of a juvenile division and the Juvenile Court preventive support is more effective.

(2) there could be an effective change in policy of public assistance workers and social workers generally in their relationship with their "clients"; the public assistance worker could be very effective as a means of prevention of delinquency by close contact with persons receiving aid, as we admit that many incidences of delinquency arise in the lower income families, the so-called broken homes and homes where other factors exist which cause the need for public assistance and most important to the fact that such recipients are in need of services which can be made available to them and not for the worker to stay within the present thinking and acting "that the client should recognize his need for help first and then request assistance". The worker should recognize the intellectual level and abilities of these recipients and seek out the person in need of this type of assistance.

There is a great need to get away from the conference table and out into the actual field, to stop discussing the problem and to do battle. There are many other areas but to state them would require an extended brief. The two I mention always seemed to be a weak spot to me and for that reason I pass them on to you in your present inquiry.

Sincerely,

*John M. Booth*

*Thanks for writing  
Appreciate his advice - agree  
Hope can make  
further progress*